

Application No. 09/761,493

Remarks

In the Final Office Action mailed August 30, 2004, claims 5-9, 11-15, 18, and 19 were allowed, and claims 20 and 21 were merely objected to. Claims 1-4, 10, 16, and 17 were rejected.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments identified above as they merely cancel the rejected claims, and place the objected to claims in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of the claims from which they previously depended. Therefore, entry is appropriate under Rule 1.116 as placing the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants therefore further request continued allowance of claims 5-9, 11-15, 18 and 19, and allowance of claims 20 and 21.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

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If the Examiner considers personal contact helpful to dispose of this case, call David J. Arthur, at Telephone Number (585)423-9215, Rochester, New York.

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